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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

LINTON, NORTH DAKOTA

SEAN BARNHART, PASTOR

Office...254-5395

March 2017

Why We Give

A while back I wrote an article for the newsletter on why we come to church. The main point of that article was to highlight that we come to worship primarily to receive from God his Word (Law and Gospel) and the Sacraments. In these our faith is strengthened as we receive life and salvation through the forgiveness of sins. But while we come to worship chiefly with open arms and hearts ready to receive, there are times in our typical worship service in which we are the givers. Looking at the typical order of service, we bring something before God in three different ways.

The first item we bring before the Lord is our **worship**. In worship (typically through song/hymn) we bring our adoration, appreciation, and praise to the Lord. But notice that even in worship we are giving praise to God because of what God has done or given us. Coming before God in worship is kind of like saying thank you. Read your favorite Psalms. Rarely will a Psalm simply glorify God without recounting something that God has done for the psalmist first.

The second thing we bring before the Lord is our **confession of sin**. Sometimes this comes first, sometimes it comes after a song, either way it almost always comes right at the beginning of the service. Our sin isn't exactly the best gift to bring before God, but it is a gift that the Lord wants. He wants his people to have a "broken and contrite heart." (Psalm 51:17). It seems odd, but we begin our worship service by bringing God *our worst* so that he can give us *his best*.

The third thing we give to God in worship is our **tithes and offerings**. The word "tithe" comes from the Old Testament. It simply means "tenth". The people of God were required to give a tenth of all they had to the Lord whether it came from the herd or from the field. In Numbers we learn that the tithe is how the Levites (priests) were supported for their service to the people since they didn't have land of their own. But even here, what are we really giving to the Lord? Consider the first stanza to the hymn, "We Give Thee but Thine Own."

We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee. (LBW #410, emphasis added)

Even the tithes and offerings we bring before the Lord were not truly ours to begin with. We simply are stewards and caretakers to what the Lord has entrusted to us. We give back to the Lord a portion of what he has given us as an act of faith and obedience. It is also a way to say thank you to God for what he has blessed us with – the money in our bank accounts, but more importantly the Word and Sacrament faithfully and rightfully administered each Sunday. And so we see that even in what we give to God, what we give is really a reflection of what we have already received from him.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.
Pastor Sean

✠ **Memorials** ✠

There were no memorials given during the month of February 2017.✠



World Day of Prayer...March 3, 2017

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service. World Day of Prayer's motto "Informed prayer leads to prayerful action" tells us that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence. We are challenged to think about actions that we can take to further expand God's kingdom, and carry them through.

For 2017, the women of the Philippines invite us to consider these words: "Am I being unfair to you?" They share stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God's profound love and acceptance. We will learn of a cultural practice called 'dagyaraw', which is a communal way of laboring on neighbors' farms and sharing the harvest among all. It is a way to build and sustain a community. The theme for this year is taken from Matthew 20:1-16, the parable of the labors in the vineyard. Throughout the service we are invited to accept Jesus' infinite blessing and urged to receive others in the kingdom of God.

This year's World Day of Prayer Service will be at St Anthony's Catholic Church at 2 p.m. All are welcome!



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Thrivent Choice \$ received in February totaled \$266.00. Thank you to those who direct their Thrivent Choice \$ to our congregation!

✠ **Honor Someone With Chancel Flowers!** ✠

The Flower Committee listed below along with the Linton Floral N' More has set up a system for members to provide flowers for Sunday worship services. For **\$30**, the Linton Floral N' More will provide 2 arrangements of flowers for the 2 vases behind the altar or a larger single arrangement for **\$25** for the top of the piano. This includes tax.

If you would like to supply flowers for a certain Sunday:

- 1) make sure that Sunday is not taken. 2) give your money to one of the ladies on the Flower Committee.
- 3) tell her the date you want . 4) let her know if it is for a special occasion. The ladies will make sure the flowers are there and the information will be listed in the bulletin on that Sunday. **We do ask that you pay the appropriate amount when making your request even if it is several weeks or months in advance.**

Flower Committee members are: Janice Baer and Leola Dietz. ✠

Have you heard of igive.com?

Did you know that you can earn donations for Peace Lutheran Church simply by shopping online at many of the site you already shop online from? It's true! The program is call igive.com. First, register at igive.com. Second, choose Peace Lutheran Church as your designated cause. Third, install the igive.com button on your browser. Then when you shop online, if the store is a member of the igive.com network a tab will show up on the bottom of the page encouraging you to log in to the website via igive.com. There are over 1700 online stores associated with igive.com and they all want your business. In fact, they want your business so much that they will give a percentage of your purchase to the cause of your choice (Peace Lutheran Church seems like a great choice.) All this *at no extra cost to you!*

Endowment Fund Presentation

On Sunday, March 5th, Dennis Vernon of Thrivent Financial will present information to the congregation concerning the benefits of an Endowment Fund and Planned Giving. His presentation will last about 15 minutes and will take place after the service. Dennis comes to our congregation to make this presentation under the invitation of the Endowment Committee (JoAnn Humann, Heidi Nieuwsma, and Sheldon Malmedal.)

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you're an eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please keep Peace Lutheran Church in mind. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call **800-847-4836** and say "Thrivent Choice."

Pray for those in Authority

President Donald Trump

Vice President Mike Pence

Senator John Hoeven

Senator Heidi Heitkamp

Representative Kevin Cramer

US Supreme Court

Governor Doug Brugum

Lt. Governor Brent Sanford

D. 28 Senator Robert Erberle

D. 28 Rep. Mike Brandenburg

D. 28 Rep. Jeffery Magrum

Elected City Officials

Sheriff Gary Sanders and the
Sheriff's Office

Our Nation's Military

1 Timothy 2:1-4, "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."



CARILLON "SPECIAL" MUSIC



Would you like to honor or remember someone or some event with a song played on the carillons? If so, let the church office know the date and song (if available) you would like played. It will be played on that date at 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. (your choice) and it will be acknowledged in the bulletin. Cost is a donation



In January, our "Mission" was "Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch". A donation of \$627.50 was sent to them. A 'Thank You' received from them is posted on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.

Our February "Mission" was "Samaritan's Purse".

Our March "Mission" is "Food for the Poor". Please see information on this project later in this newsletter.

Ushers and Acolytes for March

Kevin Hendrickson
Elwin Nieuwsma

Greg Humann

Laura Hovland and Jose Schwab

March Greeter Schedule

10:45 a.m. Service

Mar. 5.....Duane & Janice Baer

Mar. 12....Ron & Mary Maier

Mar. 19....Keith & Evelyn Petrick

Mar. 26....Bob & Linda Tschritter

Apr. 2.....

Sunday Scripture Reader's Schedule

Mar. 5...Linda Tschritter

Mar. 12..Debbie Jahner

Mar. 19.....Keith Petrick

Mar. 26.....Mary Maier

Apr. 2.....Janice Baer

! 🚌 *Need a Ride??*

If you need a ride to church.....please call:

Elwin Nieuwsma.....254-0167

The Church Council, Meeting of February 8th:

- Approved a decision to create a Sunday School account separate in the Money Market Account for specified donations to Sunday School to be carried over from year to year instead of being absorbed by the Current Fund.
- Need 200 addresses to qualify for the Mailing Permit to mail the newsletters, which is much cheaper than using regular stamps. We are down to the limit at this time and need a few more on our mailing list.
- Pastor made 13 hospital & home visits, and several Care Center visits. He is preparing for Lent and Baby.
- Approved the Craigmile Family request for transfer of membership to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bismarck.
- March 12th we will have a guest speaker from 'Food for the Poor', and they will be our March 'Mission of the Month'.
- Discussion was had on how to be proactive with the summer months coming to prepare for low attendance and low weekly offering to be fiscally responsible.

The Church Council will meet March 8th at 8 p.m. (after Lenten Worship).

✠ Thank you to the out-going council members! Laura Hirvela, Tad Larson, and Mark Fisher faithfully served for three years. Thanks for your time, dedication, and effort. ✠

✠ If you have any questions or concerns please contact a church council member....Elwin Nieuwsma, Edgar Ohlhauser, Jon Ptacek, Erin Huber, Julie Umber, Lyle Hanson, Deb Jahner, Jason Rossow, and Aaron Stuckle. ✠



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

There will not be Sunday School on March 5th or 19th.

First Communion instruction for 5th graders will begin on March 8 at 4:00 PM at the church.

Memory Work Reminder: There are still quite a few kids who need to recite their memory work. Please check with either of us or your child's teacher if you are not sure whether they are complete or not.

Thank you to Vicki and MaKayla for teaching our kids some great songs this year, it was great to have them sing in church in February!

As we enter the church season of Lent, there are some great lessons to teach your kids beyond giving up something for Lent and the Easter Bunny, take a few minutes to have a conversation with your kids while you are traveling or at the supper table and see what they know or what you can teach them. Here's a trivia question to get you started: What is the significance of Lent lasting 40 days?

God's Blessings to you and your family,

Lisa P. and Lisa H.



Jenna Rae Mercer, daughter of Amber Ohlhauser and Justin Mercer, will be baptized on March 5th. Congratulations to the parents, and all the grand and great-grand parents! May she be a faithful follower of Jesus throughout her life. †

† MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE †

Sunday School, & Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

No Sunday School March 5th or 19th

No Confirmation Instruction on Wednesdays during March.

First Communion Instruction on Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, & 29

Mar. 1 – Ash Wednesday Worship 7 p.m.

Mar. 5 – Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Baptism of Jenna Rae Mercer.

Endowment Presentation by Dennis Vernon after Worship (15 minutes)

Mar. 8 – Lenten Worship 7 p.m.

Mar. 12 – Praise! Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor John Welge, an LCMS pastor working with FOOD FOR THE POOR will be our guest preacher. There will be a special offering specifically for our Mission of the Month – FOOD FOR THE POOR.

Mar. 15 – Lenten Worship 7 p.m.

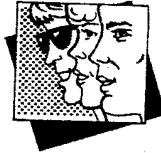
Mar. 19 – Celebrate Worship with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Mar. 22 – Lenten Worship 7 p.m.

Mar. 26 – Celebrate Worship 10:45 a.m.

Mar. 29 – Lenten Worship 7 p.m.

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With Ash Wednesday being on the first Wednesday of the month we will not be able to meet. Our youth group will be hosting a soup/sandwich meal for March 15th and March 22nd. I will need volunteers to help serve the meal and bring bars. If you are willing to help please let Lisa Ptacek know.

We need to find an afternoon/night to get together, any ideas for us? Let me know what your thoughts are.....and we will see if we can find time to get together!

God Bless Lisa Ptacek

† **The 11th annual JOY Breakfast** will be on Saturday, March 11, 2017, 9 AM at the Bismarck Ramkota. This community event provides an opportunity for women in our church to share their faith and invite friends who may be far from God to an event that is fun and spiritually refreshing. The joy of the Gospel is presented in sensitive ways through music, drama, stories, and speaker. Find more info on this event at www.joyintl.org/springjoybreakfast or facebook.com/joyinternational. †

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2017

**Friday, March 3rd, 2 p.m.
St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Everyone is Welcome!!**



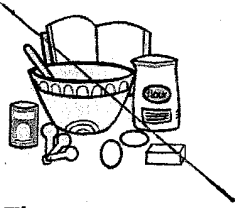
**Remember to change your clocks!
Daylight Savings Time begins March 12th**



~ PLCW News ~

- Four new sewing machines were purchased for the quilters.
- The No-Bake Bake Sale will be Sunday, March 19th.
- The Soup and Sandwich free-will offerings for March 1st and March 8th will go towards camperships to help with the cost for youth attending Camp of the Cross.
- Items will be collected for the Food Pantry during Lent.
- World Day of Prayer will be Friday, March 3rd. St. Anthony's Catholic Church will be hosting this year. Contact Marilyn Malmedal for questions.
- The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 1st at 2:30 P.M.

Women of Peace will meet Wednesday, March 15th following Lenten Services. Janice Baer is the Hostess, and Violet Ohlhäuser will have the Bible Study.



The No-Bake Bake Sale is coming up on March 19, 2017. We use these funds to do the work of the PLCW during the course of the year, donations to charities, funding for camp, projects for the church, etc. Please find enclosed an envelope to use for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.
(And thank you, ladies, for all of your hard work and dedication!) 😊



Annual Mother/Daughter/Friend Tea

This year we will be serving our second Mother/Daughter/Friend Tea on May 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. To make this as successful as last year's, we need help. The theme this year is "What is your cup of tea?" Everyone has something they are good at. So with that in mind, please consider helping us this year. We have a speaker who will make a presentation on her trips to Haiti. If you are willing to help, PLEASE call Marilyn Malmedal at 254-4580. Thank you.



Emmons County Public Health Gift Bag Outreach.

The women of PLC are collecting gift bag items for families with children on Medicaid right here in Emmons County. Anne works at the Public Health Office performing Health Track Screening offered by Medicaid to detect problems as early in life as possible. The screening does a physical assessment, developmental and mental health assessment, checks lead and hemoglobin levels, applies fluoride varnish, checks hearing and vision, and makes referrals to an orthodontist. The gift bags would be given to these children. Donations of items such as essential toiletries, towels, self-care items, stuffed animals, books, etc., and even money may be donated to give to Anne to purchase other items needed. The need, even in our county, is great. Thank you for your generosity.

Beautify the Church with Lilies

For Easter the church will be decorating with Lilies. If you would like to give one in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the information below and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church, along with the payment for each lily. The cost of the lilies will be \$10 each. There is also a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Please make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church.

NAME _____ # of Lilies @ \$10 each _____

In Memory or Honor of _____

MARCH LENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- March 1** Lent Supper 5-6:30 p.m., PLCW Serve
Ash Wednesday Worship **7 p.m.**
- March 8** Lent Supper 5 – 6:30 p.m. PLCW Serve
Lenten worship **7 p.m.**
- March 15** Lent Supper 5 – 6:30 p.m. Youth Serve
Lenten worship **7 p.m.**
- March 22** Lent Supper 5 – 6:30 p.m. Youth Serve
Lenten Worship **7 p.m.**
- March 29** Lent Supper 5 – 6:30 p.m. Men Serve
Lenten Worship **7 p.m.**



†Lent Food Collection

This year during Lent we will be collecting items for the Emmons County Food Pantry. Last December the food pantry moved into the old Wangler's Chiropractic facility and they suddenly have a lot more room! The desire is for the pantry to reach people in need all over Emmons County, not just those in Linton. You can help with this mission by donating items. Take a look at the list below and consider purchasing items for the pantry the next time you go shopping. Have fun with it! Make it a family event. Chose to give for your Lenten discipline.

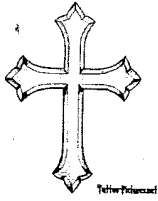
Food and Drink Items

- 100% Juice drinks
- Low-sodium meals in a can (soup, stew, chili)
- Canned tuna, chicken or salmon
- Canned foods with pop-top lids
- Canned fruit in its own juice or water
- Low-sodium canned vegetables
- Canned beans
- Peanut butter
- Whole grain pasta
- Brown rice
- Olive, canola or vegetable oil
- Spices
- Low-sugar whole grain cereals
- Unsalted nuts

- Healthy snacks (granola bars, dried fruit)

Other Items:

- Personal Hygiene Products (individual toothbrushes, toothpaste, individual rolls of toilet paper, shampoo, soap, facial tissue, wash cloths)
- Cleaning products (dish soap, hand soap, hand sanitizer)



March Baptismal Dates

Baptismal dates for **March** according to church records are:

2 – David Erickson	14 – Jon Ptacek	25 – Helen Garnaas
6 – ShayLee Bosch	James Weisser	27 – Jayme Baker
7 – Jerome Ohlhauser	22 – Henry Stuckle	Lorraine Schatz
9 – Payton Masset	23 – Melissa Fisher	29 – Jacob Conroy
Jennifer Pocta	Julie Tveito	Jacob Ohlhauser
10 – Aubree Craigmile	24 – Jaden Bosch	31 – Evelyn Petrick

If your baptismal date is missing and you know the date, please call the church office (254-5395) so it can be included.

These birthdates of our members are according to the church records. Some birthdates were not on record. If your birthdate is missed, or if there is a mistake, please inform the church office.



March birthdays are:

1 - Alexis Jasper	12 - Robert Tschritter	25 - Isabell Rudy
Holly Renschler	14 - Kevin Ferderer	Carson Hoff-Wald
3 - Annie Masset	Steven Fiergola	26 - Corey Grenz
4 - Kaitlyn Nieuwsma	17 - Terry Schafer	Amaya Brueckner
Kevin Hendrickson	19 - Gianna Caruso	27 - Jace Ferderer
6 - Mariam Kronfeldt	20 - Corey Hoff-Wald	Derrick Naumann
7 - Debbie Jahner	21 - Raylene Henkelmann	Robin Silbernagel
8 - Timothy Dockter	Jacqueline Wald	29 - Arron Rudy
9 - Aaron Hoff-Wald	Daniel Weber	30 - Stacy Bingham
11 - Ethan Bingham	Kraysten Brueckner	Michael Kunz
Alexandria Umber		Mathew Masset
Amber Umber		31 - Ella Vetter

May each of you have a very **Happy Birthday** and may we keep you in our prayers for the day of your birth, praying that you shall remain faithful followers of Jesus until He comes again!✠

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant."

- Anne Bradstreet

"Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes, the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year."

- Ogden Nash

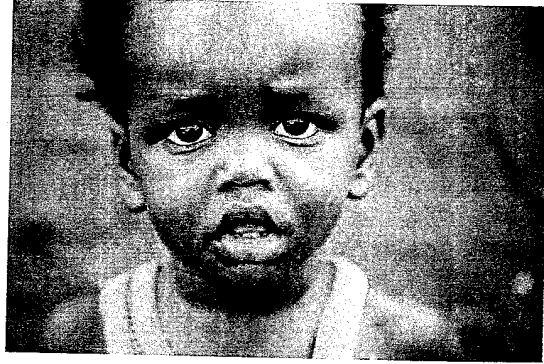
Peace Lutheran Church...March "Mission Support" Food for the Poor

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to link the church of the First World with the church of the Third World in a manner that helps both the materially poor and the poor in spirit.

The materially poor are served by local churches, clergy and lay leaders who have been empowered and supplied with goods by Food For The Poor.

The poor in spirit are renewed by their relationship with and service to the poor through our direct ministry of teaching, encouragement and prayer.



Our ministry is a reflection of our Lord's unconditional love - a love that surrenders all, that inspires trust and faith, and that embraces all people, regardless of race, status or creed. It is also shaped by our belief that Christ is alive and can be served directly by serving those in greatest need. (Matthew 25:40)

For guidance and to maintain the purity of our mission, we stress the need for regular prayer. Through surrender, service and prayer, we seek a closer union with our Lord.

Food For The Poor is one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the United States. Our work is motivated by our faith in God, spreading His unconditional love, regardless of race, wealth, or creed as we minister to the poorest of the poor in 17 countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.

By providing lifesaving food, secure housing, clean water, healthcare, emergency relief, micro-enterprise projects and education opportunities, we are giving the poor a chance at a better future, and showing them God's love.

*On Sunday, March 12th, Pastor John Welge, an LCMS pastor working with FOOD FOR THE POOR will be our guest preacher at PLC. On that Sunday we will be holding a **special offering** specifically for our Mission of the Month – FOOD FOR THE POOR.*



The Cross—God's answer to sin; our way to freedom! ~ *It is by grace you have been saved. EPHESIANS 2:5*



Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Welcome people in

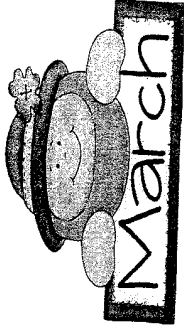
Help them grow

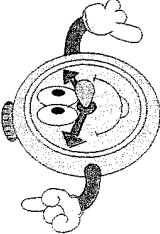
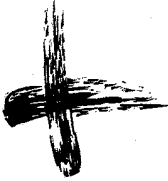


Send them out to care

Welcome ~ Grow ~ Care

March 2017

Ushers: Kevin Hendrickson, Greg Humann, Elwin Nieuwsma
 Acolytes: Laura Hovland & Josi Schwab



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	Daylight Savings Time Begins March 12		1 Ash Wednesday 2:30 p.m. PLCW Board 5:30-6:30 pm Soup & Sandwich Meal, 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	2 Presentation of Our Lord	3	4
5 1st Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. NO SS or Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion—Baptism of Jenna Rae Mercer	6 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	7 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	8 1st Communion Class 5:30-6:30 pm Soup & Sandwich Meal 7:00 Lenten Worship 8:00 p.m. Church Council	9 ECMA 10:00 a.m. Great Plains Food Bank Delivery	10	11 Set you clocks ahead Mar 12, 2AM
12 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Praise Worship Speaker from 'Food for the Poor'	13 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	14 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	15 1st Communion Class 5:30-6:30 pm Soup & Sandwich Meal, 7:00 Lenten Worship 8:00 Women of Peace	16 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	17 St Patrick's Day 	18
19 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study, No SS 10:45 a.m. Celebrate Worship/Holy Communion 2:00pm Service at SCC	20 Quilting 9:00 a.m. Spring Begins! 	21 Quilting 9:00 a.m.	22 1st Communion Class 5:30-6:30 pm Soup & Sandwich Meal, 7:00 Lenten Worship	23	24	25 Annunciation of Our Lord
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